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To the Class of '46



Quod Minimis Mihi Fecisti

*To-day and here the fight's begun,
Of the great fellowship you're free;
Henceforth the School and you are one,
And what You are, the race shall be.
God send you fortune: yet be sure,
Among the lights that gleam and pass,
You'll live to follow none more pure
Than that which glows on yonder brass.*

—Henry Newbolt.

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HONOUR ROLL



The following is the list of nurses who served in the armed forces either here in Canada or in the forces of the United States. After the last war 1914-1918 an honour roll was made which if you recall hangs in the residence on the main floor. Sister Mary Kathleen is most anxious to have the new honour roll for the 1939-1945 conflict completed. Anyone having any information which will aid in getting this list completed as soon as possible please contact the residence office. We are also anxious to know the names of those nurses receiving any honour or those who were mentioned in dispatches.

OUR NURSES SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—1939-1945

Elizabeth Fenton
Clara Ashlee
Ella Beardmore
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Mary Betts
Marjorie Bird
Charlotte Bolt
Constance Bond
Flora Brohman
Beverly Brown
Dora Carioni
Lily Clegg
Mary Clemens
Adeline Cooney
Beatrice Curtis
Margaret Loftus
Nora Adams
Eleanor Doyle
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Patricia Devlin
Ada DeMaer
Bernadette Demers

Jeanette Dube
Muriel Foley
Barbara Grant
Margaret Heath
Elizabeth Herringer
Kathleen Hodgins
Margaret Hunt
Beatrice Hunter
Laura Larkin
Loraine Larsen
Helen Hyland
Margaret Gallagher
Catherine Lawlor
Glenora Lee
Margaret H. MacDonald
Audrey Metzler
Marguerite Michaud
Lillian Mitchell
Alice McCabe
Elizabeth McGauley
Catherine McGowan

Aida McMillan
Mary McParland
Marjorie McQuarrie
Florine O'Shaughnessey
Marion Pallett
Virginia Long
Ida Oleskevich
Helen Pickett
Marie Pilon
Alice Potter
Margaret Robertson
Isabel Rowland
Anne Schummer
Iola Scully
Gladys Simpson
Dorothy Tegler
Loraine Thompson
Catherine Watson
Kathleen Zeagman
Edna Johnston
Jane Meadon
Camilla Heffernan

NAVY

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Kathryn McGinn
Genevieve Donovan

Mary Rose Fenton
Jessie Muir
Margaret McDonald
Anne McMillen

Florence McMillen
Lillian Van Order
Florence Roach

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Mary Watson

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Marguerite McKenna
Mary McKenna
Anne McLeister

Norine McPherson
Rita Hetherman Walsh
Elizabeth K. Webster
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Helen Kirk
Margaret McGeady

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EDITORIAL

Once again we start a new year, for the News. We have tried to bring our list of addresses up to date, but would appreciate any changes.

May we draw your attention to the page featuring the Honour Roll? It is important that this be accurate. Won't you please co-operate by pointing out errors and making any necessary additions. Here's to a bigger and better year for the News—with your co-operation.

The Editors.

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Our readers will be glad to know that Mary Ballantyne for many years on the City of Toronto Public Health Nursing Staff, is making a good recovery from her recent illness.

Ella O'Boyle, who has been a patient at St. Michael's, has returned to her home. This will be good news for everyone. Keep up the good work, Ella!

Marion Ball '39, was received into the Order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Toronto, in May, 1946. Her name now is Sister Mary Monica. Sister Monica along with four other Sisters have left for Hamilton, Ontario, where they will open a monastery. Please remember Sister in your prayers as we know she never forgets the graduates of St. Michael's in her devotions.

We were the recipient of a charming little note from Vera McMullen. She tells us that she is home and gradually getting stronger and is amusing herself by learning to smock, but principally she wrote to tell us how much she enjoyed "The News." Thanks a lot, Vera, we surely appreciate your thought of us, coming as it does from our very special ex-reporter!

Many St. Michael's nurses were present at the splendid reception given His Eminence James C. McGuigan, at Maple Leaf Gardens, on his return to our city. A special group of nurses in uniform were on duty, ready to cope with any emergencies that might arise.

Alumnae Meeting . . .

The following is the result of the election of the executive for the Alumnae for the coming year:—

Hon. President—Sister Superior
 Hon. Vice-President—Sister Mary Kathleen
 President—Margaret Regan
 Vice-Presidents—Kathleen Meagher, Lucille Riley,
 Margaret McGarrell.
 Treasurers—Norma O'Connor, Mrs. Emily Cunningham.
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 Hospital Care Plan—Veronica Murphy, Mrs. Al. Romano.
 Local Council—Mrs. G. Rossiter.



Mrs. A. Rogers (E. Nixon '24), has just returned from a very pleasant trip to Montreal.

Dorothy Callaghan '37, spent Easter at her home in Sudbury. Dorothy has recently taken over the administration of 1-D.

Addie Cooney '30, and Mary Alice Potter '34, are doing private duty again.

Julia O'Connor has returned from a short trip to Rochester.

Lillian Hodges Loeppkey '43, is now living in Tompkins, Alberta, where her husband has gone into business.

Annabel Sampson is recuperating nicely after her recent operation.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Kochakian (Irene Armstrong '34), were recent visitors here with their three year old son, Chas. Irene now lives at 120 Whiteford Road, Rochester, N.Y.

Alumnae President's Message to the Graduates

To the Graduates of 1946:

To-day is Graduation. All of you must feel very jubilant and proud, and rightly so, for it is the completion of that desire, which was prompted by the wish to assist one's fellowman.

The nursing profession offers a wide variety of opportunities and the theoretical and practical application of a wealth of ideas.

Our Graduates are well represented in various parts of the world. During the past few years they have excelled both in war-work and at home. You may be proud to share this reputation which has been established by former graduating classes, and which you will now carry on.

Step by step, under the able guidance of the Sisters, and your lay instructresses you have travelled the path of knowledge and to-day you have reached a goal.

We are glad to welcome each and every one of you into our Alumnae, and on behalf of the graduates of St. Michael's Hospital, I wish you every success and happiness.

Margaret Regan '41



Who breaks into print oftener than photogenic Phyllis Harding '38? Phyllis was interviewed recently by a Star reporter in an article on Air Stewardesses. Imagine our Phyllis being featured as first group to be written up in a series of articles on Career Women.



Helen Sexton '31, has resigned from the Fever Therapy Department.

Mary Stanton '37, has returned to her home after a lengthy illness. Mary plans a trip to Calgary this summer to visit her aunt, Mrs. Murray McCaffery (Bea Gough '21).

Bea tells us that she would love to see any St. Michael's nurses who are visiting Calgary.

We are all sorry (oh, yes) to hear that Florence Dewan's Guffie has passed on . . . now we are wondering if it wore a red or a blue bow?

Undergraduate Activities

Seventy-five delegates of Niagara Peninsula attending the Archdiocesan Sodality held in February at the Royal York Hotel, were guests of the Sisters at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Buffet luncheon was served by the student-nurse sodalists.

Student nurses attended daily Mass during Lent. Spiritual reading on some phase of the Passion was read by a student during breakfast.

Reverend Mother St. Brigid, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto, spoke to the Student Sodalists at St. Michael's Hospital.

The final presentation of "Hamlet" by the Senior Class was enacted on Friday evening, April 12th. Following the play there was the initiation of the 24 preliminary students who entered in January. Lunch was served during which each class sang their class song.

Reverend Hugh McGettigan, S.F.M., of the Catholic Chinese Mission of Toronto, was guest speaker at the Sodality meeting at the Nurses' Residence on Monday, April 15th. Father expects to return to China soon.

On March 15th the preliminary students entertained the members of the Graduating Class. The March 17th playlet and musical talent of the class along with the refreshments helped to make the evening a very happy one.

Burneice Carr '47.



We are glad to report that Florence O'Reilly, who has been on the sick list is much better and back on duty again.

Rosella Lee Harding ('36), entertained at a shower for Kay Hodgins before her recent wedding.

NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. D. Tudhope (A. Reynolds '36), paid a flying visit to Toronto early in the year.

N.S. Margaret Loftus '43, has recently been assigned to a Hospital ship.

N.S. Ada Demaer returned from overseas in December. She was met by her brother in Halifax who has recently returned via New York. There was a family reunion at Leona's (Mrs. McPhee).

Mrs. Jos. Walsh (Madeline Coffey) has been doing some nursing too. Her husband has been ill with a cardiac condition but with such good nursing care is recovering.

Agnes Fitzgerald who was visiting at 504 River St., Winnipeg, was so unfortunate as to become ill with a cardiac condition while there. We are glad to report that she is much improved and hopes to be able to return to her home in Penetang shortly.

Mrs. T. Gaffney (E. Casey '29), who was in Hospital here for a slight operation, was the guest of Mrs. G. Snell (Jean Parkinson), and much feted before returning to North Bay.

Nora Nelligan Smith '41, who now resides at 63 Melrose Ave., Hamilton, informs us that her two daughters, Elizabeth and Sheridan, keep her quite busy.

A charming shower was held at the home of Louise Richardson by the members of the class of 1940 for Josephine Kelly, a bride of May.

WHY

The law the lawyers know about
Is property and land;
But why the leaves are on the trees
And why the winds disturb the seas,
Why honey is the food of bees
Why winters come and rivers freeze,
Why Faith is more than what one sees
And Hope survives the worst disease
And Charity is more than these,
They do not understand.

H. D. C. Pepler



Graduation...

On June 4, 1946, eighty-three young women received their diplomas as nurses at Convocation Hall. This number is the largest graduating class the school has had to date.

The graduates looked very lovely in their white uniforms and carrying the traditional bouquet of red roses which seemed exceptionally beautiful this year. The students were surrounded by a veritable bower of flowers, each basket seeming more beautiful than the one before.

Scholarships and Prizes, presented by the donors, were awarded as follows:

1. **Scholarship for one year's Post Graduate Study in Public Health Nursing** given by the Women's Auxiliary to St. Michael's Hospital.
Miss Helen Thomas, Preston, Ontario.
2. **Scholarship for Post Graduate Study**, given by the Alumnae Association of St. Michael's Hospital.
Miss Patricia Bradford, St. Mary's, Ontario.
3. **Scholarships for Post Graduate Study in Obstetrical Nursing**, given by the Sisters of St. Joseph's, St. Michael's Hospital.
 - 1—Miss Leon Costello, Bounty, Saskatchewan.
 - 2—Miss Doreen Foy, Toronto, Ontario.
 - 3—Miss Marie Struthers, Port McNicoll, Ontario
4. **Scholarships for Post Graduate Study in Operating Room**, given by the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Michael's Hospital.
 - 1—Miss Margaret Moore, Port Colborne, Ontario
 - 2—Miss Beryl McDermid, Toronto, Ontario.
 - 3—Miss Genevieve O'Leary, Tottenham, Ontario.
5. **Highest Standing in Obstetrical Nursing**, given by Doctor D'Arcy Frawley.
Miss Monica Donovan, Toronto, Ontario.
6. **The Doctor Gideon Silverthorne Memorial Prize**, for proficiency in Surgical Nursing and Operating Room Technique.
Miss Mary Kane, Oshawa, Ontario.

7. **The Doctor R. J. Dwyer Memorial Prize**, given by Doctor J. Loudon for General Proficiency.
Miss Audrey Devlin, Parry Sound, Ontario.

8. **Highest Standing in Practical Nursing**, given by Doctor George Wilson.

Senior Class.

Miss Elizabeth Courage, Toronto, Ontario

Intermediate Class

Miss Mary Willsher, Ottawa, Ontario.

Junior Class

Miss Jean Pelletier, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

9. **Efficiency in Bedside Nursing** given by the Honourable Mr. F. J. Hughes, K.C., LL.D.

Miss Annabel McCarthy, Brampton, Ontario

10. **Efficiency in Urological Nursing**, given by Doctor G. S. Foulds.
Miss Edith Stansfield, Toronto, Ontario.
- The graduates are as follows:

Sister M. Eucheria, Toronto, Ontario
Sister Marie Antoinette, Toronto, Ontario

Misses:

Frances Bradshaw, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Josephine Kennedy, Inverness, Nova Scotia
Mary Kane, Oshawa, Ontario
Genevieve O'Leary, Tottenham, Ontario
Mary Frances Roberts, Langton, Ontario
Margaret Tait, Toronto, Ontario
Patricia McNamee, Kirkfield, Ontario
Edith Stansfield, Toronto, Ontario
Marie Struthers, Port McNicoll, Ontario
Helen Sullivan, North Bay, Ontario
Joan Peppler, Hanover, Ontario
Margaret Moore, Port Colborne, Ontario
Ruth McGlashan, Yorkton, Saskatchewan
Mary Gagnon, Toronto, Ontario
Margaret Connell, Wingham, Ontario
Audrey Devlin, Parry Sound, Ontario
Rose Davies, Port Colborne, Ontario
Marguerite Miller, Toronto, Ontario
Olive Trudeau, Ottawa, Ontario
Doreen Foy, Toronto, Ontario
Maureen FitzGibbon, Toronto, Ontario
Ruth Barlow, Toronto, Ontario
Audrey Duggan, Timmins, Ontario
Elizabeth Courage, Toronto, Ontario
Joanne Fahey, Belleville, Ontario
Valeda Brisebois, Kirkland Lake, Ontario
Lucille Regimbal, Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan
Teresa Bradshaw, Sudbury, Ontario
Margaret Robertson, Campbellford, Ontario
Muriel Burton, Haileybury, Ontario
Mary MacIntosh, Lismore, Nova Scotia
Elizabeth Murphy, Moncton, New Brunswick
Elizabeth Wey, Kitchener, Ontario
Elizabeth Cauley, Peterboro, Ontario
Kathleen Loney, Cornwall, Ontario
Joan Millard, Dunnville, Ontario
Mary Zeagman, Toronto, Ontario

Ruth Rebstock, Crystal Beach, Ontario
 Jeanne Tienet, Toronto, Ontario
 Rita Greco, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
 Muriel Sevigny, Toronto, Ontario
 Helen Thomas, Preston, Ontario
 Camille Coulombe, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario
 Muriel Yarranton, Brampton, Ontario
 Margaret Sweeney, Toronto, Ontario
 Stella Stackoff, Toronto, Ontario
 Margaret MacKenzie, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
 Violet Shepherd, Toronto, Ontario
 Elizabeth Phelan, Corbetton, Ontario
 Patricia Bradford, St. Mary's, Ontario
 Grace Hibbert, Sutton West, Ontario
 Doreen Costello, Guthrie, Ontario
 Joan Miron, Collingwood, Ontario
 Elizabeth Snelgrove, Toronto, Ontario
 Edna Hambly, Strathroy, Ontario
 Joyce Simms, Ferris, Ontario
 Frances Mulligan, North Bay, Ontario
 Louise Lloyd, Wingham, Ontario
 Rose Marie Osteck, Toronto, Ontario
 Elsie Leiterman, Toronto, Ontario
 Helen Rashotte, Tweed, Ontario
 Geraldine Vice, Renfrew, Ontario
 Dolores Ginestre, Crowland, Ontario
 Lina Costa, Sudbury, Ontario
 Audrey Hills, Grand Valley, Ontario
 Beryl McDermid, Toronto, Ontario
 Genevieve Lesion, Brandon, Manitoba
 Elaine Ford, Ottawa, Ontario
 Dorothy Carroll, Toronto, Ontario
 Patricia Bazinet, Cobalt, Ontario
 Mary Pillar, Windsor, Ontario
 Betty Corbett, Alton, Ontario
 Frances Hodgins, Copper Cliff, Ontario
 Leona Costello, Bounty, Saskatchewan
 Annabel McCarthy, Brampton, Ontario
 Loretto DeMarsh, Tweed, Ontario
 Monica Donovan, Toronto, Ontario
 Moira Fitzgerald, Ottawa, Ontario
 Patricia Kennedy, Oshawa, Ontario
 Alberta Benninger, Walkerton, Ontario
 Josephine Cancilla, Toronto, Ontario.



... The Graduation Dance ...

In honour of the graduates of 1946 the Alumnae Association held a dance on June 10th, in Eaton Auditorium. Under the direction of Miss Dorothy Callaghan '37 and Mrs. Alan Richards '43, the event was very successful.

Guests were received by Miss Margaret Regan '42, president of the Alumnae; Mrs. Hagar Hethrington, President of the Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. G. Wilson, Miss D. Callaghan and Mrs. Alan Richards.

To the music of Stanley St. John the dancers thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The pretty evening gowns that peace time has brought back enhanced the beauty of all our lovely girls and added a good deal of grace to the ball.



Sister Superior's Message to the Graduates

"The traveller along the dusty highway of two centuries and a half can still detect her presence revealed by the matchless perfume of her virtue and noble achievement that lingers around the places that had known her."

Thus a well known author refers to Jeanne Mance, the First Canadian Nurse. Thus, too dear Graduates of 1946, may we refer to every true nurse. You as no one else can help heal the evils of the day by your loyalty, patience and charity. You go forth from your Alma Mater skilled in your profession. May you have the faith and the courage to fulfill your responsibilities as noble women in a noble calling.

St. Michael's wishes you God Speed!

Ruth Brownell was a patient in St. Michael's Hospital during May.

Betty O'Neill '44, and Nora Adams '40, are on the staff of Christie St. Hospital.

Mr. Arthur Kelly was the chairman and presented the girls with their diplomas and pins. Mr. Quentin McLean again presided at the organ, playing for the graduates to come in, and also playing solo numbers.

Rev. A. E. McQuillen gave the address to the graduates.

Reception . . .

Following the graduation exercises a reception for the graduates and their families and friends was held in the Nurses' Residence. Sister Superior and Sister Mary Kathleen, Superintendent of Nurses, received the guests as they arrived.

Benediction was given in the chapel by Father Lacey for the graduates and their guests.

IN MEMORIAM

The death occurred at St. Michael's Hospital, in March of Jule Kerr, after a short illness. Jule graduated from St. Michael's School of Nursing in 1920 and since that time has lived quietly at home devoting much of her time to her music. Requiem Mass was said at St. Basil's Church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



We Extend Our Sympathy to - -

Mrs. Herbert Maloney (H. Brossman '20) in the death of her mother at Teck Hughes, Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Helen Grace O'Connor in the death of her sister, Mrs. Melady, who was also the aunt of Norma O'Connor.

Lorraine Larsen '37, on the death of her father.

Sister Helen Marie on the death of her brother.

Mrs. Gerard Charters (Loretta Dillon '22) on the death of her father.

Doctor Jim McCormick on the death of his brother.

Al. McNamara, '34, on the recent death of her mother.

Kay Kennedy on the death of her sister.

Kathryn Hart '49, on the recent death of her father. Miss Hart is a student.

Laura Tobey, '38, in the recent loss of her father.

Clare Ashlee, '35, on the death of her mother.

Rededication and Memorial Service

On May 5, 1946, the R.N.A.O. sponsored its annual rededication and memorial service.

The Catholic Nurses had the privilege again this year of holding their service in St. Michael's Cathedral. Reverend Father McQuillen preached the sermon during the holy hour and it was followed by Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The altar was most beautifully decorated with flowers and the choir under the direction of Doctor Ronan sang many hymns in honour of Our Lady.

The nurses recited their Act of Consecration to Our Lady in the service to the sick.

This was a most memorable occasion since the nurses had the great honour and privilege to receive the Papal Blessing.

The nurses looked very dramatic in their uniforms. There was a splendid attendance from St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Michael's and St. Mary's Hospitals.

We trust that more graduate nurses will see their way clear to coming to the devotion next year in uniform.



GOD AND PRAYER

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night and toss it over
A continent or sea;
If songs like crimson roses
Are culled from thin, blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God can hear their prayer?

Helen Simpson Lynett

John F. Lynett

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Auxiliary News

MRS. GEORGE L. WILSON, in recognition of her services to St. Michael's Hospital Auxiliary, was presented with a life membership at the quarterly meeting, at which Mrs. Hagar Hetherington, vice-president, presided. Mrs. J. L. Jerome, membership convener, welcomed new members. Tribute was paid to Mrs. Nettie Burns, a worker for 25 years. It was reported by Mrs. A. Hymus, sewing convener, that 4,415 pieces have been supplied to the hospital since the re-opening of the workrooms, Feb. 6th. The sum of \$250.00 was voted to assist the physiotherapy department and \$150.00 to the hospital medical reference library. Grants were voted to assist Newman Hall in buying new books for the travelling library. Mrs. S. Laird Alexander, president, was asked to convene a party for doctors who have returned from overseas.

The following is a dispatch from the Peterboro paper:—

"Lt. Noreen C. MacPherson of this city has been awarded a citation for army commendation by the Secretary of War for meritorious service in the Army Nurse Corps of the United States Military Academy, West Point. She is a graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. MacPherson of this city. Her sister Margaret is on the staff of Soldiers' Convalescent Hospital, Guild of All Arts, Scarborough.

Mrs. Helen Miller Stewart '39, was a very welcome guest at the Tea and Raffle. Helen was in town for the day from Kitchener.

Mrs. A. Blacklaws (K. Stuart '40), was a recent visitor to the city after her marriage and called on Sister Jeanne. She is living in Montreal.

Lillian Mitchell '39, who is going through the process of settling down after her many sojourns while with the armed forces, is at present located in Dr. Wilson's office.

Reverend Father Wilfred Smith celebrated his silver jubilee on May 19, 1946. A reception was held for him at Newman Club, given by old parishioners of his, and the Nurses of St. Michael's had an opportunity of making their contribution in recognition of Father's ten years as chaplain of St. Michael's Hospital as well as his continued interest in its nurses' welfare.

The reception took on the aspect of a reunion of St. Michael's graduates as those who came to honour Father also had an opportunity to meet friends they had not seen for some time.

Congratulations, Father Smith, and we trust you will have many more years, blessed and in good health.



The following St. Michael's graduates are on the staff at Chorley Park:—Marie Pilon, Clara Ashlee, Charlotte Bolt, Beverley Brown, Jane Meaden, Peggy Gallagher and Margaret Loftus.

Doctor Howard Pearsall and Mrs. Pearsall, (Lois Pelletier '44) are now living in Sault Ste. Marie, where Doctor Pearsall will take up general practice.



Helen O'Meara who is Director of Public Health Nursing at the University of Ottawa, was a recent visitor here for the festivities connected with the wedding of her cousin, the celebrated figure skater, Eleanor O'Meara.

N.S. Marguerite Michaud '35, is attached to the Canadian Hospital No. 16 at Oldenburg, Germany.

K. Hammell '28, has been nursing her mother who was a patient in Hospital recently.

Olive Gloster '41, has joined the ranks of the air hostesses and is now with the T.C.A. on the Toronto-Montreal and Windsor run.



OUT-OF-TOWN LETTERS

Bracebridge, Ont.

Dear Kay:—

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoy the Alumnae News. Time seems to fly to fast, at present I've been working fairly steady at the hospital on the 4 to midnite shift. It is a 33 bed Red Cross Hospital and nurses are as scarce as 'hen's teeth," so we married gals do our best to help out. As you know, with 2 kiddies and a big house, I don't get much time to myself. However, I'm very fortunate in having a high school girl who helps a great deal. The town people appreciate us going up and helping out at the Hospital, and they do what they can in letting us have their help.

Edna Valiquette and Marian and Bob Harrison were up to see me this summer and gave me considerable news of the Hospital. Wish a few more would journey up this way. Rita Caisse Burt is now in Halifax. She was here at her home until her husband came home from overseas then left us.

Our family is growing—Teddy will be four in May and Jo Anne 15 months—they spring up so fast, that they don't seem to remain babies any time.

My very best to everyone in the Alumnae, Kay.
As ever

Eileen Scully Dickie '36



2729 Hudson Blvd.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Miss O'Connor:—

The enclosure will bring me up to date with my dues. Will you please see that I get my Alumnae News.

When I last saw Sister Jeanne in Sept., '45, she was asking me about the girls and their work in this area for the News. Since then Mrs. Wm. J. Kirk (Kathleen Walsh '34) is with Dr. Wm. Seaman Bainbridge in his office in Manhattan. I am now with Calco Chemical Division of American Cyanamide Co., in Bound Brook, N.J.

Sincerely,

Rhea E. Lockard, -

15 Sigma Road,
Bourlamaque, Quebec.

Dear Members of the Alumnae:—

I was very pleasantly surprised to receive your beautiful Christmas gift and good wishes. You have no doubt heard from Sister Jeanne and Sister Mary Kathleen that I was a patient at the Toronto General Hospital, for three months last spring. I am glad to say that the operation was a success and while I am not back to my former self yet, I hope to get around as well as ever soon.

Again thanking you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. M. Priske (Alexandra Nicol '34)



Holy Trinity Hospital,
Graceville, Minnesota
Feb. 6, 1946.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:—

You'll be surprised to hear from me at this particular time but as usual I am begging for help. As you'll notice by the letterhead, I have left Norfolk, Nebraska, and our beloved Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and have taken up residence in Holy Trinity Hospital at Graceville, Minn. I, of course have to be registered in Minnesota, and that is where I need your help.

Our new little hospital—only 40 beds, was taken over on November 1st, and has an ideal location, just at the edge of a little lake. We have been filled to overflowing most of the time, and find it quite difficult to get help.

Kindest regards to Sr. Jeanne—we certainly appreciated having her with us in St. Louis at the Administration course.

Sincerely hope that you are both well.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Bernadette, O.S.B.,
(B. Harrison '29)

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196 BLOOR ST. WEST.

Editor's Note:—At random we selected a name off the graduates' list and wrote asking for information for "The News." To say we chose wisely would be an understatement. Many thanks to Dorothy Carter Rudolph for her prompt newsy reply.

R.F.D. 2, Mapleton Rd.,
Lockport, N.Y.

Dear Kay:—

I was really thrilled to receive your letter and to hear about St. Mike's and if I can give you any news of interest I will be glad to, but to tell the truth I never felt that my activities would be of any interest to anyone else but maybe they would.

It rather shocked me to realize last Sunday that it was 14 years that very day that I left behind the happy days of a student nurse. I still get homesick for those days.

I see that your address is 1830 Queen St. W., are you at St. Joseph's or Our Lady of Mercy Hospital? I worked at Mercy some time in 1940 as relief and liked it there very much; it seemed a little like home as Sister Fidelia was there.

My activities since leaving St. Michael's have been varied. In 1943 I took the Post Graduate course in Psychiatry offered at Whitby. It was the second year of the offering and was really worth while. I remained on the Ontario Hospital staff there on completion of the course and was transferred from there to Hamilton in April, 1935. In February, 1937, I had the opportunity, which I readily took advantage of, to go to Moshier Memorial Clinic, the Psychiatric Dept. of the Albany City Hospital, Albany, N.Y., but I was homesick and restless and transferred to Metropolitan Life Insurance San., near Saratoga, and was much happier there. In the Fall of 1938, I returned to Toronto with an illness that was corrected by a grand piece of surgery by Dr. Foulds in the summer of 1939. After recovering from my operation I remained in Toronto until Feb., 1941, when I went to the Payne Whitney Clinic, the Psychiatric Division of the N.Y. Hospital, a very old and very famous Hospital. It received its charter from King George III of England and is even older than the Union. While there I can't tell you how proud I was to be a St. Michael's nurse, I know "I bust a lot of buttons" and that must have been the reason. I met many from St. Michael's there, especially the late Dorothy McDevitt. After 8 months I resigned and did private duty and then I did meet St. Michael's graduates, at Neurological Institute—Anne McLeister, Mary Bilborough. I met others at the French Sisters' Hospital at Mt. Sinai and St. Luke's, I can't name them all, but it seemed I met one of our grads where ever I went.

I saw Eliz McAuley on 110th St. one night, but didn't get a chance to speak to her. A friend of mine who is a Supervisor at Women's Hospital told me she was taking a course there.

In June of 1942 I got married and we went down to Kentucky to live. My husband was with the Metropolitan Life Insurance then and was transferred to Hoentington, West Virginia, where our daughter was born. He left the Met. shortly afterwards and we moved up to Niagara Falls, N.Y., to be nearer home.

In the Fall of 1944 my husband became ill and was a patient at Memorial Hospital. While there with him I ran into Mary Dougherty. It was grand to see her again, she was on duty in the Nursery. My contacts with St. Michael's grads now are few. I often hear from and see Marion Hough. At the time I went to Payne Whitney, she went to Strachan Memorial in Rochester and from there visited me in N.Y. City and Kentucky. About the time I moved to Niagara Falls, she moved to Moss Taylor Hospital of the Bethlehem Steel Co., in Lackawana, and has been there ever since. I was talking to her last night and she comes over very often on her days off. I had a letter from Reta Brown months ago. I hope she sees this! and Orma Davidson. I hear more frequently from Anne McCarthy, but I guess you all hear more from them than I do.

I certainly didn't mean to write so much when I started but I seem to have got wound up and can't stop. One thing I have been very anxious to hear, is if our girls in the services have all returned home none the worse for their experiences. I would love to hear all about them. I am enclosing my fees in the hope that I will be brought up to date with the news. If I receive the notices of meetings I will try and get over and bring Marion with me.

And now at last my very best wishes to all the Sisters at St. Michael's and all the graduates past and present.

Dorothy Carter Rudolph '32




Many of our graduates will be indeed sorry to hear that Louise Stephens is a patient at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital.

Miss M. McNamara '42, has been elected Recording Secretary of the City of Toronto Public Health Nurses' Association.

N.S. Ada Demaer and N.S. Isobel Rowland are now at the Hamilton Military Hospital.

WEDDINGS



HODGINS — COFFEY — On June 1, 1946, at St. Peter's Church, Toronto, Kay Hodgins '36, was married to Robert Coffey. Father Gallagher officiated. After a wedding trip to the States, the couple will live in the city.

PILLAR — McALPINE — On February 23, 1946, in Windsor, Ontario at Assumption Church, Mary Pillar '46, was married to Al. McAlpine. The couple are living in the city. Mrs. McAlpine is having a red letter year in 1946,

since she also graduated this year in June.

MacMILLAN — FAIRCLOUGH — On March 5, 1946, at Portland, Maine, U.S.A., Ann MacMillan '41, was married to William Fairclough.

BADGER — OLESKEVITCH — At St. Teresa's Church, New Toronto, in November, Ida Oleskevitch '36 to Edward Badger. Rev. Father Carroll officiated.

IRWIN—CONNELL — In Toronto, at St. James' Cathedral, in December, Margaret Connell '46, to Surgeon Lieut. Thomas G. Irwin, R.C.N., of Swift Current, Sask. Rev. G. E. Moffat officiated.

WOODHAMS—MIDDLEDITCH — On Saturday, March 2, 1946, in St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg, Ont., Mary Jane Middle-ditch to Thomas Aldred Woodhams.

BLACKLAWS—STUART — In Montreal, Quebec, on Thursday, February 28, 1946, Kathleen Mae Stuart to Aldred W. Blacklaws. They will reside in Montreal.

MENARD—RITCH — In Toronto, Noreen Menard '44, to Jack Ritch. She is now living in Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

WATSON—POWERS—In Toronto at Blessed Sacrament Church, Ruth Watson '45, to James Powers on Easter Monday. The couple will be living in Toronto.

KELLY—HAWKER — In Toronto at St. Cecilia's Church on May 18, 1946, Josephine Kelly '39, to Ted Hawker. The couple will be living in Hamilton.

GOETZ—GLYNN — In Guelph at Our Lady's Church, Betty Goetz '41, to George Glynn.

LEE—ROBERTSON — On April 13, 1946, in Metropolitan Church in Chatham, Glenora Lee '40, was married to Gordon Robertson. The couple are now living in Toronto.



Elizabeth Foley '43, spent a short holiday travelling in the United States, visiting Chicago and St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jamieson (Marywinn Slipper '36) and kiddies, Ian and Jill, were recent visitors to Toronto from Ottawa.

It was nice to see Mrs. Gerald Thompson (Claire O'Hagan '36) around the hospital again. Claire was nursing her father who was a patient.



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RETREAT . . .

Beginning Friday, May 3, 1946, at 7.30 p.m., and ending Sunday, May 5, 1946, a retreat for graduate nurses was held at the Nurses' Residence. Rev. Father MacCollum, of the Redemptorist Order, was the retreat master. The staff nurses and the special duty nurses lived in residence for those days.

All who made it cannot say enough about it to express their enjoyment of it and how much they got out of it. As one nurse so aptly put it. "I made it this year because I felt that one could not refuse such an opportunity but next year I will miss it, I really want to do so and wouldn't make it, I enjoyed this one so."

Meals were held in the student nurses's dining room either before or directly after regular meals.

The lecture hall was turned into a chapel and all exercises and conferences were held there. The "Chapel" was lovely and did much towards ensuring the success of the retreat. We trust that this will become an annual affair as it was once.



N.S. Margaret Robertson is in the operating room in Weston San.



Mrs. Josephine Montemuro (Herringer '43) had an article published in the Canadian Nurse recently on Arthritis. Jose spent some time out at Banff at the hospital where there are many arthritic patients who come to the springs.



The September class of '38, had a small reunion at the home of Mrs. Molly McMullen Edmonds. Among those present were: Phyllis Harding, K. Miron, M. McGarrell, Margaret Neville, Mrs. Mildred Brown Fleming, Mrs. Bessie Dunn Watson and Mabel Gardiner.

Lt. Betty Burns writes that she arrived home from overseas two days before Christmas. They had a very stormy passage home and advocates the building of a bridge across the Atlantic. She says she was the first of her family in the service to get home and hopes to be assigned to a hospital close to home. Her tour of duty is up in June, 1947. Mary Kennedy '41, was on board ship coming home and it proved to be another re-union for them as they had met often while abroad. Before leaving they saw Muriel McConcker and K. Watson and took snaps which turned out quite nicely.



Peggy Heath '43, has recently been discharged from the Army and is back on the staff at St. Michael's.

Julia McNab Davey is back in town again and can be located at 205 Glebeholme Blvd.



News from the Bahamas tells us that Marg Benny Symnonette '38, is deep into Junior Red Cross Work—also that she can now add, subtract and multiply in pounds, shillings and pence.



Word has been received that Josephine Morrow (Wroblewski '40) has made her home in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., and will be doing some nursing there.



Doctor and Mrs. Jack Epping (Maureen Roche '41) will be living in Peterboro where Doctor Epping has taken a practice.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Maureen Graham '43, to Mark Duffy. The wedding to take place in August.

Helen O'Rourke '44, to Gordon Edick. The wedding will take place in the fall.

Greta MacLean '42 to Jack Bundy. Wedding plans are for the fall.

Aileen Costello '26 to Edward I. Harrington. Marriage to take place in June.

Wilma Jones '42 to Doctor Gordon Robertson. Wedding date not set.

Lucille Riley '43 to Harold Martin. The wedding to take place on June 29, 1946.



Capt. and Mrs. Jolly (Ruth Doyle '42) have returned to the city from Halifax, as Capt. Jolly is now attached to the staff at Christie St. Hospital.

Mary Rose Fenton who is still in the navy at Halifax, visited Mrs. Marion Hill Kerr in Welland recently. Mary Rose often visits Marion McNeil's home in Halifax.

Geneva Hollett and Marjorie Bacon returned by plane from Bermuda in December. After visiting at their homes, they are back on private duty at S.M.H. Marjorie spent an evening with Jane Meaden. Other classmates present were: Marjorie Adams Meaden, Shirley Bell McGuire, Marion McNeil.

While visiting in Saskatoon, Geneva met Marion Schwanbeck who is with the V.O.N., and they spent the evening together getting caught up on St. Michael's news.

FAREWELL TEA . . .

Miss Ann Hickey was honoured with a tea, attended by her staff members on the obs floor, May 31st, before she left Seven for good. Ann is to be a June bride.

Doctor Tom Dixon and Mrs. Dixon (Barbara Howarth '44) have taken up residence in Sudbury where Doctor Dixon has a general practice.

Congratulations to Margery Larkin, who is now the public health visiting nurse to tuberculous patients in Sanitarium.

At the Tea and Raffle, Mrs. Sadie Atkinson (Sadie Adie) was telling us all about her daughter, Lois, who is now school age, and also that they along with Mr. and Mrs. Quinn (Chick Kelly '32) were recent holiday visitors at Puslinch Lake.

Mary Quinlan (Roche '43) and her little daughter, Anne, spent the month of May in Toronto. Doctor Quinlan is doing some post graduate work in St. Michael's Hospital.

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BIRTHS

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on March 1st, to Dr. and Mrs. J. Theobald (Sadie Pierce '30), a daughter, "Susan."

Doctor and Mrs. J. Cockcroft on May 27, 1946, at St. Michael's Hospital, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Domet (Martha Stevens '39), in St. Michael's Hospital, on April 1, 1946, a daughter.

Doctor and Mrs. Robert Demary on May 28, 1946, at St. Michael's Hospital, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Hagan (Margaret Hartery '36), in St. Michael's Hospital, on April 25, 1946, a son—Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Derby (June Patterson '39), in St. Michael's Hospital, on April 21, 1946, a son, Paul Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Wert at St. Michael's Hospital on April 1, 1946, a son.

On March 4th, 1946, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gubb (Ruth Phillips '36), a daughter, 'Linda Rose,' a sister for Jimmy.

Doctor and Mrs. Jack Leddy (Rita Wilkin-son '42), in St. Michael's Hospital on February 1, 1946, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christensen (Isobel Lamb '45), in St. Michael's Hospital, a daughter, Heather Ann, April 22, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig (Jeanne Bowden '40), a daughter, Catherine, on May 28, 1946, at St. Michael's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burns (Joan McKinnon '45), a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in Dayton, Ohio.

On April 26th, 1946, at Noronda, Quebec, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allan (Merrill Tait '42), a daughter, Donna Merrill.

On December 2nd, in Caledon East, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kenny (K. Fitzpatrick '27), a daughter, "Mary Ellen."

In Vancouver, B.C., on December 19th, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Menard (Rose Sherry '33), a boy.

Paul, Dennis and Sheila, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy (Eleanor Thompson '37), wish to announce the arrival of their brother, "John Charles," on January 21, 1946, in St. Marys Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Murray (Joan Russell '43), a son, at St. Michael's Hospital on May 17.

Surgeon Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Harvey Little (Bernice Avery '41) announce the arrival of Robert Marcus Harvey Little on April 27, 1946



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Marjorie Foreman has accepted an industrial position with the C.C.M. Bicycle Co., in Weston, Ontario.

The September class of 1942 had a reunion at a Royal York Supper Dance in May. It was very well attended by those of the class who are in Toronto at the present time.

Graduates who have been away from St. Michael's Hospital for some time are back again with us. Among them are Eileen Burns '32, returned from Buffalo. Helen Hearne '32 and Ina McKendrick '32 back from New York.

Kay Firth '43, is leaving for the west. She has accepted a position on the staff of the hospital at Banff, Alberta.

Norah McHenry '44, who recently completed a course in Operating Room Technique at St. Michael's, has accepted a position in the operating room of St. Joseph's Hospital in Sarnia.

Dr. and Mrs. Jos. Montemuro (J. Herringer '43), have taken up residence in Port Arthur where Dr. Montemuro is interning.

Mrs. Helen Thompson Evans '34, has taken up residence in Toronto, at 8 Wilfred Ave., after some time on the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hughes (Flora Zulaff '41), have returned from Winnipeg and will be living in Toronto.

Joan Russell Murray can be reached at 393 Westville Rd., New Glasgow, N.S.

We are glad to report that Sister Mary Frances is recovering from her recent serious illness.

Dorothy Shames '43, had a visit home recuperating from a tonsillectomy, in April.